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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The amended claims are not being entered because the amendment represents a significant change in the scope of the claims. The arguments directed towards the art rejections will not be responded to because they are directed to the amended claims which were not entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The applicant's arguments with respect to the 112 rejections are not persuasive.

The applicant has argued that the specification supports the claim limitation that the composition is substantially free of any other filler besides uncoated ultrafine chalk. This is not persuasive because the specification is open to other fillers. The specification is directed toward mineral fillers and states that ultrafine chalk is the preferred mineral filler (page 7, lines 7-8). Since it is only a preferred filler means that the composition is open to other mineral fillers. Also, since ultrafine chalk is a preferred filler it can be included in the composition along with the uncoated ultrafine chalk. The original specification does not support the notion that only uncoated ultrafine chalk is present in the composition and all other mineral fillers are excluded, which included ultrafine chalk that is coated.

The applicant has argued that the uncoated chalk in the composition is not indefinite. This is not persuasive. It is admitted that before the chalk is added to the

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composition, it is uncoated but when it is a part of the composition it is coated. This is the same argument that the Applicant has used for the olefin compound coating the chalk of Kumaki et al. (arguments filed 11/20/2008 page 11). The mineral filler cannot be identified as uncoated when it is a part of the composition under the applicant's own definition. It appears that the applicant has attempted to remedy this problem with the claim amendment but the problem still remains. It is suggested that the applicant only refer to the chalk as uncoated before it is added to the composition.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOHN USELDING whose telephone number is (571)270-5463. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:30am to 5:00pm.

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